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AMENDMENT

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Dear Examiner Mew:

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action mailed May 2, 2006. This Amendment is timely because it is being submitted with a request for a three-month extension of time to extend the period for response to six months, which ends on November 2, 2006.

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